

restricting women's access to information about abortion.

Clinics and hospitals are not required to offer abortion services, but in certain circumstances, are required to refer women to a doctor who will perform an abortion. The legislation we are debating today would allow a facility to accept federal funds for family planning, but not provide a woman information on what all of her options are. It would allow them to care for a Medicaid patient who has been raped, but not inform her that Medicaid would pay for an abortion, even if she asks for this information.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot have the right to choose without full information about our choices.

I would never advocate forcing an individual or organization to act against their conscience. And nothing in current law does so. But providing information is not the same thing as providing services. Women, particularly women who have been the victim of an attack, deserve information about all their choices, no matter where they get their health care.

I strongly oppose this legislation, and urge my colleagues to vote against it.

#### THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

#### HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, recently, I came across an e-mail that had been circulated last year shortly after the September 11 attacks. It was sent by a former military professor in which he stated that the will of the American people is the fulcrum of this Nation's war on terrorism. He stated that the terrorists that attacked on 9-11 counted on a "soft and spoiled" America, who would eventually quit if retaliation did not result in immediate success.

What the author of the e-mail discovered was an outpouring of "what can I do" to help in response. And I believe this amply illustrates what we continue to see across the United States. What the terrorists actually demonstrated with their attacks on 9-11, was their profound ignorance of the American people and of history.

Military theorist Clausewitz, terms war as a "remarkable trinity composed of the primordial passions of the people, the rational policies of the state, and the combination of incidents in battle."

The "passions of the people" were awakened after Pearl Harbor and again were awakened after 9-11. One year later, the passions are still high. American's are aware that what we are facing is that which America's has never seen up close. We were attacked on our own soil by an organization of individuals bent—not on removing our presence from certain parts of the world—but on our utter destruction.

We are facing an enemy who despises our very existence. They are consumed by hatred for the United States, that despite its faults, is open to all people regardless race or religion. We operate under principles of freedom, the ability to pursue life, liberty and happiness. As such, our country is fighting with hope against terror and freedom against oppression. Our

enemies will never know freedom, because they are imprisoned by hate; and for that they have already lost.

Former U.S. defense secretary, Caspar Weinberger, stated "The will of the American people once aroused . . . is capable of accomplishing all the things that have to be done." As long as we continue to maintain a moral high ground in this campaign against terrorism and its supporters and take the appropriate and precise responsive measures, the will of the people of this country will know no bounds.

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE IN GUJARAT

#### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world witnessed yet another act of senseless violence. I rise as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans to express my condolences to the families of the victims of the brutal attack on the Swaminarayan Temple in Gujarat.

Thirty-two—including many children—died in an attack in Gandhinagar.

Last year, I lead a congressional delegation to Gujarat immediately following the devastating earthquake that hit the state. From that trip and my dealings with the Gujarati community in the U.S., I have developed a deep fondness for the people of Gujarat.

During my visit, I visited the Swaminarayan Temple and witnessed first hand the efforts of the Swaminarayan Temple to assist victims of the earthquake. Our heart goes out to all Gujaratis harmed by this violent act.

The Swaminarayan organization was established in 1907. It is a religion that preaches religious tolerance and practical spirituality. I only wish that more people in this world shared those values.

#### ABORTION NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill.

I support the right of an individual to follow his or her conscience and personally refuse to participate in abortion services, and if that was what this bill was about, I would be voting for it today.

Current law already allows health providers to refrain from providing any service to which they object. This bill goes too far by allowing insurance companies or HMOs to opt out of any reproductive services for any reason—not necessarily a religious or moral objection. It would even allow states to refuse to provide currently available abortion services to Medicaid beneficiaries who are victims of rape or incest or when the mother's life is in danger.

Most critically, this legislation bans the provision of information. People have many dif-

ferent opinions and beliefs about abortion. I believe women should be able to make their own decisions on this very personal matter. This bill goes too far by allowing restrictions on abortion information, counseling and referrals. Under this bill, emergency room physicians could be gagged from telling rape victims about emergency contraception. Even Title X clinics, which are funded by the federal government with the purpose of allowing women to make an informed choice from every available option, could be gagged if this legislation were to be signed into law.

Restricting information and choices is not the way to reduce the number of abortions in America. I challenge my colleagues today to reject election-year politics and work with me toward policies that prevent unintended pregnancies, improve reproductive health, and strongly encourage adoption.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS AND HEROES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001. Over the past year, this country has tried to come to terms with the tragedy we experienced on September 11th. Although I have written or spoken about that day many times, I have found that words often fail to describe the magnitude of that day. There are the haunting stories of loss and grief as well as stories of heroism and triumph. We learned about ourselves and our country that day and while we grieved for those we lost, we also cultivated a new sense of unity and patriotism. As a nation we renewed our belief in the American spirit and in the bravery of fellow Americans who would willingly risk their lives for a stranger. The stories of what ordinary men and women did under extraordinary circumstances continue to amaze me.

As we remember September 11, 2001, let us remember all the brave men and women who not only saved lives but saved our sense of brotherhood. Let us extend our prayers to all our brave men and women in the Armed Forces who right now are protecting our way of life and let us extend our deepest gratitude to our fire and police forces who have redefined the word 'sacrifice'.

#### COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

#### HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, Americans should be proud of how they've handled the past 12 months. Yes, September 11th changed America forever, but not in the way the terrorists anticipated.

Those who committed this horrible act of war were intent on destroying America and our way of life—but they failed miserably. They tried to make us question our dedication